Four political objectives

- Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- National reunification
- Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
- Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

Four economic objectives

- Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
- Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad
- The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

Four social objectives

- Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
- Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
- Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
- Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

UEC explains preparations for the upcoming elections, voting process to diplomats, resident representatives of UN agencies, journalists and secretaries of Region/State subcommissions

NAW P£.TAW, 18 Oct — The Union Election Commission held a ceremony to explain preparations for the upcoming elections to diplomats, resident representatives of the UN agencies, journalists and secretaries of Region/State subcommissions, Dean of Diplomatic Corps to the Union of Myanmar, Singaporean Ambassador and ambassadors of foreign embassies, charges d’affaires ai and officials, resident representatives of the UN agencies, members of Myanmar Foreign Correspondents Club, editorial staff and reporters of local journals and magazines and guests.

First, UEC Chairman U Thein Soe gave accounts of preparations for the upcoming elections. He said, in order to hold the multiparty democracy general elections, in accord with the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar (2008), the State Peace and Development Council enacted the Union Election Commission Law, the Political Parties Registration Law, the Pyithu Hluttaw Election Law, the Amyotha Hluttaw Election Law, the Region Hluttaw or State Hluttaw Election Law on 8 March 2010. A 17-member Union Election Commission was formed on 11 March 2010. According to the two main duties out of 12 duties and powers prescribed in the Article 8 of the Union Election Commission Law, the Union Election Commission had formed the election subcommissions at various levels from Region/State to District/Township in the country for holding free and fair elections as well as to supervise political parties according to the law. Then, the electoral work course on the Election Law, Bylaws and Regulations were conducted by the members of the Union Election Commission from 7 to 9 April, 2010 in Nay Pyi Taw. Similar courses for district and township levels were also conducted by the members of the commission in regions and states from end of May to early June. The subcommissions of the Region/State/District/Township/Ward/Village-tract have done preparatory works for the elections such as compiling list of eligible voters, constructing poll stations, conducting courses for returning officers and staff of the polling stations.

Correspondents at the clarification of preparations for the upcoming elections.—MNA
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**Make sustained efforts to ensure food security**

The critical threshold of one billion hungry people in the world has been reached in part due to climate change, soaring food prices and the financial crisis. Accordingly, it is badly needed to boost agricultural production for food security of the world’s growing population.

To boost production of food calls for increased use of fertilizers, pesticides and irrigation water, without sacrificing soil and water sources but focusing on sustainable progress of agricultural farming. Food and Agriculture Organization nudges farmers to apply effective methods, policies and environmentally sustainable processes.

In Myanmar, boosting production of crops is on target. Rural residents who are mainly involved in agriculture have priority to enjoy better socio-economic status. Myanmar’s rice production is still increasing faster than demand, thus contributing towards global food requirements.

Myanmar’s total sown acreage stands at more than 22 million hectares, more than eight million hectares of which are put under paddy, and rice output has reached around 20 million tons. Supply of such fundamental crops as corn, peas, edible oil crops and kitchen crops well exceeds the demand in the nation.

Meat and fish sector contributes over seven percent to the nation’s GDP. Advanced methods are applied to boost production of pedigree species in the livestock and fishery sector. Sustainable development of forests is part of environmental conservation to help cope with climate change.

To enjoy food security, Myanmar has built over 200 dams and sluice gates, over 300 river water pumping stations and over 8000 tube-wells for supply of adequate irrigation water, benefiting over one million hectares of farmlands. Sustained effort is, therefore, to be made, using good foundations in the agricultural, meat and fish sectors to boost food production.

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Work proficiency course (1/2010) for Accountants (Grade-4) opens

**Yangon, 18 Oct**—The opening of work proficiency course (1/2010) for Accountants (Grade-4) by Ministry of Electric Power No.2 took place at assembly hall of Yangon City Electric Supply Board Office in Aikon Township here this morning.

Chairman of Yangon City Electric Supply Board U Khin Maung Soe made an opening speech and then introduced trainees from four districts and townships from Yangon Region.

A total of 125 trainees are attending the one-week course.

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Industrial Zone Committee in Yangon Region meets

**Yangon, 18 Oct**—The meeting of Industrial Zone Committee in Yangon Region was held at Yadanarthiri Golf Club hall in Konnyintha, Mayangon Township, here this afternoon.

It was attended by Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Yangon Region Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Tun Than, officials from Yangon City Development Committee and departments and the chairman of Industrial zone Management Committee in Yangon Region and officials.

Formally, Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe delivered an address at the meeting. Then, the commander reported the general work of the committee. Officials from Industrial Zone Committee and departments explained completion of tasks in connection with resolutions of previous meetings.

After that, Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe coordinated essentials and left necessary instructions.—MNA

**Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe of Ministry of Defence delivers an address at the Industrial Zone Committee meeting in Yangon Region.**—MNA

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Appointment of Ambassador agreed on

**Nay Pyi Taw, 19 Oct**—The Government of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the proposed appointment of Mr Ahmet Oguz Celikkol as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Turkey to the Union of Myanmar in succession to Mr Mehmet Cinar Aldemir.

Mr Ahmet Oguz Celikkol was born in 1950. He graduated in Political Science from Ankara University. He has served in various capacities at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey and the Turkish Embassies in Lebanon and United States of America from 1977 to 2000. And then, he was appointed as Ambassador of the Republic of Turkey to Syria from 2000 to 2004, and Ambassador of the Republic of Turkey to Greece from 2008 to 2009. At present, he has been serving as Ambassador of the Republic of Turkey to Israel.

Mr Ahmet Oguz Celikkol will be concurrently accredited as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Turkey to the Union of Myanmar with residence in Bangkok.—MNA

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Ceremony to mark World Post Day 2010 observed

**Nay Pyi Taw, 18 Oct**—A ceremony to mark World Post Day 2010 and to present awards to winners at 39th International Essay Competition (internal level) and at International Postage Stamp Design Challenge Competition (International Level), took place at Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs here on 9 October.

At the ceremony, the Director-General of Directorate of Telecommunications made a greeting speech, and then the deputy director read out the message sent by the Director-General of Universal Postage Union. The Director-General awarded winners of the competitions. After that, a winner spoke words of thanks. An official from Education Planning and Training Department explained tasks in assessing essay competition.

The Director-General and those attended enjoyed display in commemoration of World Post Day 2010.

**Director-General of Directorate of Telecommunications extends greetings at the ceremony to observe World Post Day 2010.**—MNA
Flood leaves 12 dead, cuts national highway in central Vietnam

HANOI, 18 Oct.—Continuous rain and several floods in central Vietnam has left 12 dead and nine missing, and submerged several parts of the national highway 1A by one metre, Vietnam News reported on Monday.

According to the Central Steering Committee for Flood and Storm Prevention and Control, most of the victims were in Nghe An, Ha Tinh, Quang Binh and Thua Thien-Hue Provinces. Waters are continuing to rise in these provinces, said the report.

The national highway 1A, a key road running from north to south in the country, was one-meter deep in water in some parts and many provincial roads in central Vietnam remained even deeper under water, said the report.

The north-south railway was also suspended and about 3,000 passengers were stranded at the stations, said the report. The rain also flooded thousands of houses in these provinces for the second time since the beginning of this month, said the report. The previous floods in early October killed 66 people in central Vietnam. Vietnamese government has decided to dispatch 2,000 tons of rice and ten million dollars to the worst-hit Quang Binh and Ha Tinh Provinces.—Xinhua

Death toll rises to nine in robbery in western Baghdad

The death toll from robbery on jewelry stores in western Baghdad in Sunday rose to 12, while 9 others were wounded, an Interior Ministry source said.

“The latest reports said a total of 12 people were killed and 9 others were wounded in the heist in Mansour neighborhood in the afternoon,” the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

The attack took place at about 2:00 pm local time (1100 GMT) when gunmen blew up at least six bombs to cover their attack on several jewelry stores near the Sadly al-Haleeb area in Mansour neighborhood, the source said.

The gunmen robbed at least three stores and shot dead three employees before they snatched jewels and money, the source said.

Iraqi security forces close to the scene traded fire with the gunmen. Two gunmen and two policemen were killed, the source added.—Internet

Yemeni planes bomb al-Qaeda hide-outs, killing five

SAN’A, 18 Oct.—A Yemeni official says warplanes have bombed al-Qaeda hide-outs in the country’s south, killing five militiamen.

The deputy governor of Abyan Province, Salih al-Shamsi, said the airstrikes targeted areas around the town of Moudia and destroyed weapons caches.

Yemen is battling a resurgent al-Qaeda presence in the country that also drew deep international concern after the terror network’s local offshoot caches.

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Meanwhile, NATO forces say that a detainee captured in an operation in the south was found dead in his holding cell Sunday.

NATO says the man was being held in Kandahar Province after being detained Saturday, and the alliance is investigating the circumstances of his death. The international military coalition gave no further information.—Internet

Iran arrests six Afghan military officers, soldier

THEBAN, 18 Oct.—Iran has arrested six Afghan military officers and a soldier who said they were hunting for Taleban militants near the border province of Sistan-Baluchestan, ISNA news agency reported on Sunday.

Border police arrested the seven Afghan military personnel 50 metres inside Iranian territory, police commander Hossein Zolfaghari said, quoted by ISNA, without giving a date.

Zolfaghari said the arrested group said they were “patrolling the area and hunting for Taleban (militants), and that they had no intention to enter Iranian soil.”

Sistan-Baluchestan in southeast Iran bordering Afghanistan and Pakistan is an area rife with a Sunni Baluchi militancy against Teheran, tribal unrest and drug smuggling.

“The case of the arrested people is being investigated by the judiciary,” Zolfaghari said, adding that the border police had confiscated one rocket-propelled grenade launcher and six rifles from the group.
Science

UN meeting aims to set species-saving goals

Tokyo, 18 Oct—Delegates from more than 190 nations kicked off a UN conference Monday aimed at ensuring the survival of diverse species and ecosystems threatened by pollution, exploitation and habitat encroachment.

But the two-week marathon talks of the UN Convention of Biological Diversity face some of the same divisions between rich and poor nations over what actions to take that have bogged down global climate negotiations.

Scientists warn that unless people start doing more to protect species, extinctions will spike and the intricately interconnected natural world will be damaged with devastating consequences.

“We're on the verge of the major extinction spasm,” said Russ Mittermeier, president of Conservation International and a field biologist who has spent decades studying primates and reptiles.

“They are the underpinnings of human development.”

If one part of the complex network of living organisms disappears like bees, which perform the critical role of pollination and whose numbers are falling the whole system can collapse, scientists agree.—Internet

Saturn’s moons engage in cosmic paintball fight

California, 18 Oct—Five of Saturn’s inner moons are engaged in a cosmic paintball fight, pelting each other with particles that leave bright, colourful splotches and may be the source of a Pac-Man feature on one of the satellites.

NASA’s Cassini spacecraft recently spotted reddish and blue splashes on the icy surfaces of Mimas, Enceladus, Tethys, Dione and Rhea. The colours are helping scientists map out how material travels between these moons of the ringed planet, and they’re highlighting how “space weathering” can impact bodies in our solar system, researchers said.

The discovery may also help explain the mysterious Pac-Man heat pattern Cassini spotted on Mimas earlier this year, scientists said. “The beauty of it all is how the satellites behave as a family, recording similar processes and events on their surfaces, each in its own unique way,” said study lead author Paul Schenk, of the Lunar and Planetary Institute in Houston, in a statement.—Internet

Scientists find signals that make cell nucleus blow up like a balloon

Berkeley, 18 Oct—Size matters when it comes to the nucleus of a cell, and now scientists have discovered the signals that control how big the nucleus gets.

Nuclear size varies not only among different species, but also in different types of cells in the same species and at different times during development. In addition, cancer cells are known to develop larger nuclei as they become more malignant.

Screening for cervical cancer, for example, involves looking for grossly distorted nuclei in cervical cells collected during a Pap smear.

“Pathologists look at nuclear size in cancer cells for staging different cancers, but nobody knows what is behind this,” said Rebecca Heald, professor of molecular and cell biology at the University of California, Berkeley.

As a result, she and post-doctoral fellow Daniel L. Levy explored why the nuclei of two species of African clawed frog are so different in size and discovered that the large nucleus of Xenopus laevis sucks in more material while growing than does the small nucleus of Xenopus tropicalis.—Internet

Technology

Facebook apps leak user information to tracking companies

Washington, 18 Oct—Facebook users are inadvertently providing access to their names and in some cases even their friend’s names to advertising and Internet tracking companies, through some popular applications, the Wall Street Journal said.

According to the Journal’s investigation, the issue affects tens of millions of Facebook app users, including people who set their profiles to Facebook’s strictest privacy settings, the paper said.

The practice violates Facebook’s rules and raises questions about its ability to keep identifiable information about its users’ activities secure, the paper said.

On Sunday, a Facebook spokesman told the Journal that it is taking steps to “dramatically limit” the exposure of users’ personal information. “A Facebook user ID may be inadvertently shared by a user’s Internet browser or by an application,” the spokesman told the paper.

Knowledge of an ID “does not permit access to anyone’s private information on Facebook,” he said, adding that the company would introduce new technology to contain the problem identified by the Journal.—Internet

Youku transcends YouTube as China becomes centre of Internet

Beijing, 18 Oct—Youku CEO said he is tired of being asked whether his company is China’s version of YouTube or Hulu.

“It’s both and better,” Bloomberg quoted him as saying on Monday.

Victor Koo, 44, is Chief Executive Officer of Youku.com Inc, China’s biggest online-video provider.

“We are in the midst of an arguably more interesting opportunity: Hulu at a YouTube scale,” Koo said in an interview. “The Internet TV opportunity in China is unique and also arguably more attractive than the rest of the world.”

Koo is in Beijing on Monday and Tuesday with other dot-com executives, gathering to promote the idea that Chinese online services from Youku to Tencent Holdings Ltd.’s QQ are catching up to the world and foreign companies will soon turn to China for innovation.

Chinese online services’ edge is an Internet population of 420 million, more than the number of people in the US and Germany. “The Internet’s center of gravity is shifting toward China,” said Duncan Clark, chairman of BDA China in Beijing, a technology consultant. “China has almost double the number of US Internet subscribers. That concentration matters.”—Xinhua

Clearwire and Sprint set big city high-speed launches

New York, 18 Oct—Sprint Nextel and its Clearwire Corp venture will begin offering their high-speed wireless services from November across some of the busiest US cities:

New York, Los Angeles and San Francisco.

The service powered by a new technology known as WiMax — will be available in New York on 1 November, Los Angeles on December 1 and in San Francisco around the end of December, according to Sprint.

Because these cities have a high concentration of affluent people who tend to want to buy the latest technology first, they are seen as key battlegrounds for US telecom providers.

New York and San Francisco are seen as particularly tough markets to support wireless data services because of the number of people using high-tech gadgets. AT&T Inc, the exclusive US iPhone provider, has had to invest heavily to fight criticism about its network performance in those cities.

Sprint, the No 4 US mobile provider and a 55 percent owner of Clearwire, will offer the service which it markets publicly as its fourth-generation or 4G using space on Clearwire’s network.

Tourists stand beside the Hoover Dam as they view the newly completed bypass bridge which spans the Colorado River.—Internet

Screen capture, courtesy of Bethesda Softworks, shows a scene out of the videogame “Fallout 3,” a post-apocalyptic adventure.—Internet
### Health

**Asian spice may extend lifespan of humans**

_**Los Angeles, 18 Oct—** Curcumin, a spice that is common in Indian curries and other Asian dishes, might extend the lifespan of humans because it is full of anti-oxidants and other good chemicals, a new study reveals._

In a study on fruit flies, researchers at the University of California in Irvine found that the spice keeps the insects alive 20 percent longer than normal, improves their mobility, and prevents tumours in them.

“Preliminary results from laboratory studies suggest the spice has anti-inflammatory, anticancer and antioxidant properties,” said lead researcher Mahtab Jafari, an associate pharmacist sciences professor.

Curcumin is an ingredient in turmeric, a golden spice that is a staple in Asian cuisine, and used in many American kitchens for its peppery flavour as well. The spice has been used as folk medicine for centuries, and is eaten in Asia to treat upset stomachs, arthritis pain, cuts and bruises.

Jafari said her work with fruit flies may be directly relevant to how turmeric affects people, because flies and humans “share many genes and aging pathways” and the spice affected age-associated genes in the flies.

**Scientists find tocotrienols reduce fat in blood**

_Singapore, 18 Oct—Scientists from Singapore have found that tocotrienols, members of the Vitamin E family, are effective in lowering the levels of triglyceride, a form of fat in the blood._

High levels of triglyceride are closely linked to an increased risk of cardiovascular and metabolic diseases.

The scientists found that gamma and delta tocotrienols, derived naturally from palm oil, lowered triglyceride levels by 28 percent after two months. The subjects also showed lower average weight, body fat mass, body fat percentage and waist measurement.

The clinical study points to the potential of tocotrienols as a natural remedy in fighting obesity.—Internet

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### Business

**Cost of living rising fast in New Zealand**

_Wellington, 18 Oct—The cost of living in New Zealand rose at its fastest quarterly rate in more than two years in the third quarter, Statistics New Zealand said on Monday._

The Consumers Price Index rose 1.1 percent in the third quarter this year, compared to an increase of 0.2 percent in the preceding three months.

Statistics New Zealand said the biggest contributions to rising prices came from food and household utilities, such as rates and electricity.

Electricity rose 2.8 percent during the quarter. Statistics NZ noted that a quarter of the increase came from power companies charging higher GST on electricity consumed in September, but invoiced in October.

Annual inflation fell for the second consecutive quarter to 1.5 percent, below the peak of 5.1 percent two years ago and below the mid point of the Reserve Bank’s target band of 1 percent to 3 percent.

**Oil falls below $81 as US dollar rebounds**

_Singapore, 18 Oct—Oil prices fell below $81 a barrel Monday in Asia as a month-long rally lost momentum amid a strengthening US dollar._

Benchmark oil for November delivery was down 50 cents to $80.75 a barrel at midday in Singapore time in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract lost $1.44 to settle at $81.25 on Friday.

Oil broke out of a year-long trading range between $70 and $80 last month, fuelled by a rally in global stock markets and a falling dollar. But equities have faltered in the last few trading sessions and recovering dollar is making oil more expensive for investors with foreign currencies.

“The euro fell to $1.3886 on Monday from $1.3977 on Friday while the dollar slipped slightly to 81.26 yen from 81.43 yen. Most Asia stock markets were down Monday. “Investors sold against weakness in equities and also a resurgence in the dollar.” —Cameron Hanover said in a report. “The economic data is not helping.”

**China targets better economic growth**

_Beijing, 18 Oct—As Chinese lawmakers meet this week in Beijing to discuss the nation’s policy blueprint for the next five years, expectations abound that they’ll focus on improving the quality of growth, rather than its pace._

As our reporter Guan Xin finds out, concerned scholars and enterprises, are focusing on energy conservation and environmental protection. The nation’s economy has been bedazzled with explosive growth. But China faces escalating challenges in sustaining its economic development. The country pledged to cut energy consumption per unit of GDP by 20 percent from 2006 to 2010 in its 11th Five-Year Plan. But the pace hasn’t been maintained. How to address challenges from energy sources, depletion, and environmental deterioration, are key concerns for next half-decade. —Xinhua

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**Eight virus types cause almost all cervical cancer**

_London, 18 Oct—Scientists have identified the eight human papillomavirus (HPV) types responsible for more than 90 percent of cervical cancer cases worldwide and say they should be the targets for the next generation of vaccines._

Druggmakers GlaxoSmithKline and Merck & Co already make vaccines against HPV strains that cause many cases of cervical cancer, which is the second most common cancer in women worldwide and is expected to kill 328,000 this year.

In a large study looking at 60 years of data from 10,575 cases of invasive cervical cancer across 38 countries, an international team of scientists led by Silvia de Sanjose of the Catalan Institute of Oncology in Barcelona examined which types of HPV contributed most to the global incidence of the disease.

Their results, published in the Lancet medical journal on Monday, showed that eight HPV types — types 16, 18, 45, 33, 31, 52, 58, and 35 in descending order of frequency — were responsible for more than 90 percent of cases.

GSK’s vaccine Cervarix and Merck’s Gardasil protect against HPV types 16 and 18, and, through cross-protection, partially also against HPV types 31 and 45.—Reuters
**Honeywell pushes back recovery forecast for business-jet**

**ATLANTA, 18 Oct—**Honeywell International Inc.’s (HON.N) aerospace unit expects business-jet deliveries to expand in 2012, tempering its recovery forecast by a year as companies hold back on orders in an uncertain global economy.

The supplier of cockpit systems and aircraft engines said on Sunday it expects deliveries of 675 to 700 new business jets this year versus 849 in 2009. It forecast 2011 deliveries could also fall below 700.

The outlook, given during a media briefing in Atlanta ahead of the start of the National Business Aviation Association’s annual convention, is a change from last year, when Honeywell predicted 2011 could mark a modest recovery.

The company said “disappointing rates of global economic recovery have forestalled order rates and softened the 2011 outlook.”

The business jet market took a hard landing in 2009, when demand tumbled after five years of annual delivery increases as companies clamped down on spending and tighter credit made purchases difficult. Jet makers cut thousands of jobs as orders slumped.

“2009 was an enormously challenging year, maybe the worst our industry has ever experienced,” Ed Bolen, president and chief executive of the National Business Aviation Association, said after the Honeywell briefing.

While the business jet industry is not seeing tremendous growth right now, “the important thing is we’re not in a free-fall,” Bolen said.

The Honeywell outlook is based on a survey of 1,200 corporate flight departments, including those of plane manufacturers.—Reuters

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**Philips makes Q. profit of $730M as sales rise**

**AMSTERDAM, 18 Oct—**Royal Philips Electronics NV, the Dutch maker of shavers, televisions, medical imaging equipment and light bulbs, said Monday net profit tripled in the third quarter due to strong sales in its lighting and health care arms as well as a one-time gain on the sale of a stake in its former semiconductor arm.

Net profit for the period ended was euro524 million ($730 million), up from euro176 million in the same period a year ago, and included a euro154 million gain on the share of Philips’ stake in semiconductor maker NXP NV. Sales rose 9.6 percent to euro61.6 billion, helped by a relatively weak euro. They would have been up just one percent on comparable terms, the company said. Chief Executive Officer Gerard Kleisterlee described the global economy as “still fragile.”

Sales in emerging markets rose 19 percent or 7 percent in euro terms. “This means that we now generate more than one-third of our sales in these markets,” Kleisterlee said in a statement.

Earnings were also helped by lower restructuring charges of euro40 million, down from euro125 million a year ago.—Reuters

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**Wal-Mart, Gap to launch online stores in China**

**BEIJING, 18 Oct—**The world’s largest retailer Wal-Mart and US clothing giant Gap are to launch online stores in China to tap the country’s fast-growing e-commerce market, the Financial Times reported Monday.

Wal-Mart will use its own Internet platform to promote sales of the handful of the Sam’s Club stores it currently has in China, the London-based newspaper said.

Sam’s Club is a warehouse chain owned by Wal-Mart. Eduardo Castro-Wright, head of Wal-Mart’s global e-commerce business, told a meeting with investors earlier this month that the retailer was “excited about the size of the opportunity” for online sales in China, it said.

Gap, which has said it planned to open its first four stores in the country in Beijing and Shanghai this year, will launch a Chinese online sales site next month, the report said.

Online retail sales in China, which has the world’s largest web population of at least 420 million, soared by 117 percent last year to 39 billion dollars, of at least 420 million, soared by 117 percent last year to 39 billion dollars, it said, citing findings by iResearch, a Beijing-based research firm.

Wal-Mart expects the country to overtake Japan and Britain over the next five years to become the world’s second-largest e-commerce market after the United States, the newspaper said.
Will G20 change its currency tune?

WASHINGTON, 18 Oct—If the G20 wants to soothe currency tensions, finance leaders may have to do more than simply repeat a well-practiced refrain that too much foreign exchange rate volatility is unwelcome.

This Group of 20 officials, meeting in South Korea beginning on Friday, face even greater pressure to deliver something substantive after the United States delayed a hotly anticipated report on whether China (or any other country) was manipulating its currency to gain a trade advantage.

South Korean President Lee Myung-bak, who will chair a G20 leaders summit in Seoul next month, said his biggest concern was that “conflicts of interest between countries could develop into trade protectionism.”

This wasn’t how leaders envisioned things playing out.

When G20 leaders met in Pittsburgh a little over a year ago, they were so confident they had succeeded in ending the global crisis that they declared, “It worked.”

This week’s meeting of finance ministers was supposed to be relatively quiet, a final planning session to put the finishing touches on agreements, sketched out in Pittsburgh, to be signed at the Seoul leaders summit.

Instead, a sluggish recovery in advanced economies and prospects for another round of Federal Reserve money printing have driven down the dollar. China’s tightly managed currency has followed, while the euro, yen, real and other currencies have risen. Investor money has poured into faster-growing emerging markets, and some are at risk of overheating.

APEC ministers warn food security at ‘crossroads’

TOKYO, 18 Oct—Ministers from Asia-Pacific nations warned Sunday that food security stood at a crossroads, and called for increased production to help nearly one billion undernourished people around the world.

Food security ministers from the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) members also stressed the need to enhance investment and trade to promote efficient and equitable distribution systems to ease world hunger.

“Global food security stands at a crossroads. The food price spike in 2007 and 2008 served as a wake-up call about the vulnerability of long-term food security,” they said in a declaration after meeting in Niigata.

Obama says no regrets, but admits tactical errors

WASHINGTON, 18 Oct—US President Barack Obama admitted having made tactical errors but stood by his accomplishments Sunday in an interview weeks ahead of crucial midterm elections.

Obama confessed to the The New York Times that during his first 20 months in office he had probably not focused enough on public relations, which, like it or not, is an all-important part of the job. “Given how much stuff was coming at us, we probably spent much more time trying to get the policy right than trying to get the politics right,” he was quoted as saying in a lengthy magazine piece.

With Republicans poised to make big gains in congressional and gubernatorial races in the November 2 elections, Obama and top aides also quoted in the article discussed ways to reboot his stalled presidency.

In a reinvented administration, which aides have dubbed “Obama 2.0,” he will make sure he plays more by Washington’s rules so that his accomplishments don’t get drowned out by the opposition Republicans. —Internet
In accord with Article 9 of the Political Parties Registration Law, a total of 42 political parties have been approved among the political parties that registered with the Union Election Commission. Among them, only 37 political parties remained stand for the elections as the five political parties had been dissolved due to their failure to compete in the elections. Among those political parties participating in the elections, some are associated with the national races such as Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine, Shan, Pa-O, Palaung and Wa.

After screening, there are over 3000 candidates who are going to stand for the multiparty democracy general elections to be held on 7 November 2010. The candidates include those from 37 political parties and over 80 independents.

All citizens who meet the qualifications prescribed in the Article 8 of the Election Law shall be eligible to stand for election to Hluttaw irrespective of sex or religion. In the Article 9, a person who has the right to stand for election is eligible to contest in the election either as an independent candidate or representing a political party.

The Article 10 has prescribed persons who are not eligible to stand for election. Therefore, persons who are qualified with the provisions of Article 8, can only be eligible as candidates to contest for the Hluttaw. The Union Election Commission has issued Notifications and Directives in time allowing the political parties to campaign in line with the Political Parties Registration Law, the Election Law, and other existing laws. For example, the Union Election Commission issued Directive No.(2/2010) dated 21 June 2010 for the political parties to enlist party membership; Notification No. (91/2010) dated 18 August 2010 the rights to assemble and canvass for Hluttaw candidates representing political parties and independent Hluttaw candidates; Notification No. (98/2010) dated 14 September 2010 designating date and time-table for political parties to present their policies, stances and work programmes on radio and TV to canvass for votes. As such, political parties have been campaigning democratically in accordance with the law.

Moreover, the Union Election Commission and subcommissions in accord with the Election Bylaws have systematically compiled a list of eligible votes in line with the respective Election Laws. List of eligible voters (electoral rolls) have been issued and displayed on notice-boards at the respective ward/village-tracts. It has been announced that those who are eligible but not included in the electoral registers may submit application to ward/village-tract subcommissions according to Rules 9 of the Election Law.

In order to facilitate voters to cast their secret ballots, and to enable all voters to complete their voting within the given time frame, numbers of polling stations and their venues have already been designated. Moreover, a separate ballot-box and polling booth are accommodated at polling stations for national ethnic groups.
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On the day of the election, polling stations will be opened for the duration in accord with the law. Respective candidates, their representatives, their polling booth agents and assistant agents are allowed to enter the polling stations from the beginning of the polling until the end.

When the casting of ballot papers is over, the counting of vote is conducted in the presence of members of the polling booth, the public representatives of the booth by listing casted ballot papers and advanced ballot papers. The names of at least 10 persons present at the vote counting will also be recorded as witness. A person who has filed the nomination for the Hluttaw candidature has the right to revoke his nomination in the prescribed manner. A Hluttaw candidate may appoint himself/herself or another person as his/her election agent.

Hluttaw candidate or his election agents can be present and observe the counting where township election subcommission is counting advance ballot papers, received before the day of election. These facts prove that the forthcoming election is free and fair and in line with the international standards and norms.

Mangrove forests in Delta to be regenerated soon

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Oct—Forest Department of Ministry of Forestry and International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO) have jointly launched a programme for all-round development of mangrove forests in Ayeyawady Delta and analysis of mangrove forests hit hard by Cyclone Nargis, the department and organization organized a workshop at Bogale Town Hall in Ayeyawady Region on 12 and 13 October, with a view to successfully implementing the programme. Resource persons submitted four papers on regeneration of mangrove forests. The workshop focused on major problems in regenerating mangrove forests, work plans for regeneration and constant management of mangrove forests, analysis of progress in regeneration of mangrove forests carried out by respective organizations, and other related matters.

UMFCCI General Secretary meets Japanese Counsellor

YANGON, 18 Oct—General Secretary Dr Maung Maung Lay of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry met Counsellor Mr Mitsuji Suzuka and Second Secretary Mr Atsushi Igarashi of Japanese Embassy at the headquarters of the federation on 12 October.

The Japanese Counsellor invited UMFCCI to attend Japan-Mekong Meeting to be held in the second week of December this year in Japan and discussed bilateral trade with him.

Order on Cosmetics issued

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Oct.—The Ministry of Health today issued Order on Cosmetics dated 15 October, using the power bestowed on it according to Article-11 (1) of Health Law of the Union of Myanmar to harmonize with ASEAN provisions on cosmetics.

The order is of four sections: (1) production and sale, (2) brand and advertisement, (3) recording, and (4) general. For more information, contact the Food and Drug Administration Division under the Department of Health at Office No. 47 in Nay Pyi Taw (Ph: 067-431134, 431137).

Correspondents at the clarification of preparations for the upcoming elections.—MNA

True Value introduces home/office security system

YANGON, 18 Oct.—True Value introduced home/office security system that only needs a desk phone. Installed with burglar sensor, smoke detector and special sensor, the wireless home alarm system enables the desk phone at unguarded home or office call to the house/office owner in case of fire breakout and burglar’s break-in. In addition to phone call to the house/office owner, the system also makes loud alarm to wake up the neighbors.

The contact address of True Value Showroom is at No. 351, Theinbyu Road, Mingala Taungnyunt Township, Ph: 09-8022025 in Yangon, at No. 5, 26th Street, between 78th and 79th Street, Ph: 02-21572 in Mandalay and at Thabyegon Market, Ph: 067-414111 in Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA
Yatanarpon (Mandalay) upriver bridge of Ayeyawady Bridge opened

Commander attends Commander’s Shield Championship Shooting Contest

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Oct—Chairman of Ayeyawady Region Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Brig-Gen Tin Maung Win inspected road works along Pathein-Monywa road on 11 October. The commander formally unveiled the stone plaque of the bridge. The upper and lower structures of the bridge are of broad cross type with reinforced concrete foundation. The 612-foot bridge has a 24-foot motorway with 3.5-foot pedestrian lane each on both sides. It can withstand 60 tons of loads. It is the 246th of the 180 feet and above bridges across the State and 13th in Mandalay Region.

Minister U Khin Maung Myint and officials formally open Yatanarpon (Mandalay) upriver bridge of Ayeyawady Bridge.—MNA

Heavy rains cause floods in NyaungU and TadaU Townships

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Oct—Heavy rain on 14 and 15 October in NyaungU and TadaU Townships in Mandalay Region caused floods in Hse and Letwe villages of Ngathayauk in NyaungU Township. Due to erosion of some railroad sections of Mandalay-Bagan railroad, officials of Myanmar Railways made repair works. A group of engineers rebuilt the damaged railroad section as Mandalay-Bagan train derailed on Bagan-Taungwin railroad section on 15 October morning. There were no damage or casualties in the flood in TadaU Township.

SANYO Eneloop battery put into market

YANGON, 18 Oct—Launching party of Shine tooth paste held at Inya Lake Hotel here yesterday. Shine tooth paste, produced by Myanmar Consumer Enterprise Ltd with the formula of best-selling tooth paste of Korea, is now available at the market. There are 12 kinds of Shine tooth paste—cavity, protection, green fresh and menthol fresh are available. For more information, contact MCE Ltd: No. 42, Yannaingswe (2) road, Thakayta, Mandalay-Bagan Industrial Zone, Yangon (Ph-09-8624832 and 09-8627301) and No. 24/87 (B), Aungmyethazan Township (86th street and 87th street), Mandalay (ph-02-66420, 02-21546 and Fax-02-66420).—MNA

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Taunglale Village has access to solar power electricity

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Oct—Under socio-economic enhancement programme, Myanna Oil and Gas Enterprise under Ministry of Energy and PTTEP International Limited which is working in partnership with the enterprise in Mottama Offshore Oil Field on a profit-sharing basis, provided Taunglale Village, Paukkaung Township of Pyay District, Bago Region with equipment for solar power generation on 15 October. Present on the occasion were Deputy Minister for Energy U Than Htay unveiled the signboard and Senior Vice President Mr Prapat Sophomporn Papat of PTTEP International Limited explained purpose of the donation. The donation is aimed at furnishing Taunglale Village Basic Education High School and Station Hospital with electricity through sun light. The donation contributes much to education and health sectors of the village, providing 24-hour electricity.—MNA

Director U Aung Myo Myat extends greeting at launching party for Shine tooth paste. —MNA

Minister U Khin Maung Myint stroll on Yatanarpon (Mandalay) upriver bridge of Ayeyawady Bridge.—MNA

Director U Zaw Min Oo extends greeting at ceremony to introduce Eneloop battery and Solar light. —MNA

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New HIV cases in Australia hits record number during 2009

Canberra, 18 Oct—Australians newly diagnosed with Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) has totaled 1,050 during 2009, the highest number in almost two decades, latest data showed on Monday.

According to University of New South Wales Associate Professor David Wilson, it was the fourth year in a row that new HIV diagnoses in Australia reached over the thousand mark.

During the late 1990s, there were only about 700 cases of HIV diagnoses recorded. While the number of people newly diagnosed with HIV every year consistently hits a thousand, it is becoming increasingly rare to die from Acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) in Australia.

National Centre for HIV Epidemiology and Clinical Research (NCHERC) figures showed there were just nine deaths attributed to AIDS in 2009, down from 26 in 2008, and the figure has declined since the 1990s.

Dr Wilson indicated the number reflected the rising effectiveness of treatments that can stop HIV from progressing to AIDS.

“We are in an era where we are seeing the lowest deaths associated with HIV than we have seen in history,” Dr Wilson told Australia Associated Press on Monday.

“In the next ten years we can expect our population living with HIV to get a lot older.”

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Two killed, three injured in North Michigan car crash

Chicago, 18 Oct—Two Chinese students were killed and three others were injured on Saturday morning in a car crash near Saginaw City, Michigan State, Chinese Consulate-General in Chicago told Xinhua on Sunday.

An official of the consulate-general said that these five students are on their way for a fall color tour in North Michigan on Saturday but their SUV lost control on the highway, which rolled over and finally stopped by striking a tree around 8 am Saturday. The reason of this fatal accident is still under investigation.

Two people, a male and a female student, in the front seat were dead on the scene and the other three injured students were transported to the local St Mary’s Hospital.

Bus crash kills 11, injures nearly 30 in Brazil

Sao Paulo, 18 Oct—Authorities say a bus carrying people back from a sports festival for special needs athletes fell from a bridge into a river in southeastern Brazil, killing 11 and injuring nearly 30. Police say the bus driver apparently had brake problems and lost control of the vehicle while trying to avoid another bus on a bridge near the small city of Carbonita on Sunday.

A statement from the Minas Gerais state police says the bus was carrying disabled people attending a sporting event in the region. It was unclear if disabled people were among the dead.

A girl poses for a photo near a 940-pound giant pumpkin at Chicago Botanic Garden in Chicago, the United State, on 16 Oct, 2010. Giant pumpkins are exhibited to welcome the upcoming Halloween in Chicago on Saturday.

Hitachi, US firm seek battery technology tie-up

Tokyo, 18 Oct—Japan’s Hitachi will seek a tie-up with US automobile battery maker Johnson Controls as it tries to boost global sales of its lithium ion and other cutting-edge batteries, the firms said Monday.

Johnson Controls is a top automobile battery maker and a major manufacturer in autoparts, with a more than 30 per cent share in the lead-acid storage battery market.

The Japanese technology firm hopes to increase sales of its lithium ion and other batteries for use in electric vehicles and smart grids by using Johnson’s sales network, which spans more than 150 countries.

“The introduction of efficient energy storage is anticipated in various fields in society for sustainable growth of the global economy,” Yoshito Tsunoda, head of Hitachi’s battery systems division, said in a statement.

“I strongly believe the two companies will succeed in providing advanced, competitive batteries and related services through strong and fruitful collaboration.” By teaming up with Johnson Controls, instead of a particular automaker, Hitachi aims to boost an auto battery market share by supplying products to a wider range of carmakers.

Poland, Russia agree on draft gas accord

Warsaw, 18 Oct—Poland and Russia reached an agreement on a draft contract for the delivery of increased amounts of gas to Poland following many hours talks in Moscow on Sunday, the Polish Economy Ministry told the PAP news agency.

“The text of the inter-government agreement has been agreed on. It will be initiated after the conclusion of negotiations concerning operator’s agreement between EuRoPolGaz and Gaz-System,” the ministry said.

The ministry assured that there is no threat of stoppage of Russian gas deliveries to Poland. Under the deal, Russia is to increase gas deliveries to Poland to some 10 billion cubic meters annually. Some of the contract entries have to be renegotiated as they have been questioned by the European Commission.

Russia’s Gazprom Export head Aleksandr Medvedev expressed hope that all procedure linked with the drafting of an operator’s contract will be concluded within two-weeks time.

Ten people killed in stampede in N India

New Delhi, 18 Oct—Ten people, including four women, were killed and 10 others injured in a stampede late Saturday at a temple in the northern Indian state of Bihar, said local media reports.

The stampede took place at a village in the Banka district of Bihar about 200 km from the state capital Patna when about 30,000 devotees gathered in the temple to sacrifice goats on the occasion of the Hindu festival “Navratri” dedicated to the goddess Durga.

Four injured people were stated to be in critical condition and under treatment in hospital, said local media reports.

The stampede occurred in the jam-packed temple campus after a portion of the sacrificed body of the goat fell on some devotees, creating a scare leading to a mad rush among the gathering, said the Press Trust of India.
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SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
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Iranian chocolate thief faces hand amputation

TEHERAN, 17 Oct—An Iranian judge has sentenced a man convicted of robbing a confectionery shop to have one of his hands cut off, Iranian media report. The judge also sentenced the man to one year in prison.

Police arrested the man in May after finding $900 (£560), three pairs of gloves and a large amount of chocolate in his car, Fars news agency said.

Afghan children get the ‘Slumdog’ treatment

LONDON, 18 Oct—A film that its makers claim will do the same for Africa’s children as Slumdog Millionaire did for India’s— but rather more sympathetically—premieres at London’s Leicester Square tonight.

Africa United tells the story of three Rwandan children who travel across Africa in the hope of taking part in the opening ceremony of the 2010 World Cup.— INTERNET

Don’t Smoke
Bigfoot no-show at his special day

The small town of Felton, Calif., held its annual Bigfoot Discovery Day but the guest of honour again failed to show up, organizers said.

Staged Saturday by the Alliance of Independent Bigfoot Researchers and the Bigfoot Discovery Project, the event has been held every year since 2006, the Santa Cruz (Calif.) Sentinel reported.

About 50 people attended the outdoor lunch and meeting in the town of 1,051 people north of Santa Cruz to hear of purported Bigfoot sightings and examine evidence.

Many of the stories were told with an emphasis on Santa Cruz County, the newspaper reported Saturday. “We have plenty of evidence of a Bigfoot presence up here in the mountains,” Michael Rugg, curator of the town’s Bigfoot Discovery Museum, said. “We have some vocalizations we’ve recorded, we have some video that we shot locally, and we have a number of eyewitnesses who have reported sightings, ’’ he said. “In our testing, we’ve come up with more evidence to indicate it’s true than the opposite.”

“I’m so sure this is real, I don’t care what anybody says,” he said.

Running miner invited to NYC Marathon

A Chilean miner who kept fit by running up to 6 miles a day while trapped deep underground for 69 days has been invited to compete in the New York Marathon.

Edison Pena’s regimen earned him the nickname “The Runner” during the time he and 32 comrades spent underground in the San Jose Mine, ABC News reports. He used the mine corridors as his jogging track.

Mary Wittenberg, president of the New York City Road Runners Club, said the group has offered Pena a trip to the city for this year’s race on 7 Nov. She said he can either run in the grueling 26.2-mile event, which takes in all four New York City’s boroughs, or attend as a spectator.

“NYRR wanted to send a message of great support and admiration for Mr. Pena for the heart and soul and fortitude he showed every day by running in the mine,” Wittenberg said.

Wittenberg said the club has been unable to contact Pena directly or the Chilean consul in New York.

Bourne’s male swans are back, and soaring again

New York, 18 Oct—

In the imagery of classical dance, the swan is innocence personified. It is ethereal. It glides, it flutters, it wobbles and it dies ever so delicately.

The swan does not have rippling biceps or chest hair. It does not have 10 pack abs. It does not thud, it does not hiss, and it never, ever, glistens with body hair.

Unless, of course, we’re in Matthew Bourne’s world. And what a mesmerizing place that is. More than a decade after Bourne’s eye-popping troupe of male swans first hit New York in his reimagined “Swan Lake,” winning three Tony awards, the production returned Sunday for a nearly four-week run at City Centre.

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The colossal concoction was made of corn tortillas, white onions, serrano chilis, green tomatoes, avocado, cheese, cream and a sea of salsas, among other ingredients. “With this Guinness record we are showing the world that Iztapalapa is a high-level tourist destination,” said Mexico City tourism secretary Alejandro Rojas.

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Gijon beat Sevilla to end Manzano’s perfect start

MADRID, 18 Oct — New coach Gregorio Manzano suffered his first defeat in charge of Sevilla losing 2-0 at Sporting Gijon on Sunday to end the honey-month period.

Argentine striker Gaston Sangoy put Gijon ahead on six minutes and Diego Castro added another on 51 minutes to leave Sevilla empty-handed.

Manzano started with wins over Borussia Dortmund in the Europa League and Atletico Madrid in the league Sevilla’s second defeat of the season leaves them down in seventh.

Manzano gave Brazilian international forward Luis Fabiano — who has publicly said he wants to leave in January — only his second league start of the season but neither he nor his team-mates could find the back of the net.

Fergie’s Rooney snub fuels transfer talk

LONDON, 18 Oct — Sir Alex Ferguson’s latest snub to Wayne Rooney has fuelled fresh speculation the Manchester United superstar could be heading for the Old Trafford exit.

Ferguson left Rooney on the bench for Saturday’s Premier League clash with West Bromwich Albion, where the Red Devils squandered a two-goal lead as the Baggies fought back to snatch a 2-2 draw.

Ferguson did not comment about the decision to omit Rooney, a move that Murray crushes Federer to win Shanghai Masters

SHANGHAI, 18 Oct — Andy Murray crushed Roger Federer in two sets to win the Shanghai Masters final and complete a career grand slam.

It took less than 90 minutes for the fourth-ranked Murray to completely re-write his 2010 scenario and earn his second Masters final with no super-sunday chance for the Swiss in a Masters final. Defeat downed Baur on the substitute’s bench.

Sylvain Marveaux during the 12th minute but Demba Ba answered just 30 seconds after the re-start before Gladbach’s Juar Arango was given his marching orders in the 62nd minute.

Gladbach’s Anderson headed into his own goal just five minutes later and then Sejad Salihovic converted a penalty in the 82nd minute to make it 3-1 just seconds after Sebastion Schachtier was also shown red for taking down Ba in the area.—Internet

Vazquez beats Hernandez to retain WBO title

KISSIMMEE, 18 Oct—Puerto Rico’s Wilfredo Vazquez Jr stopped Mexico’s Ivan Hernandez in the 11th round on Saturday night to retain his WBO super-bantamweight title.

In the second defense of his 122-pound title, Vazquez gradually wore down Hernandez until early in the second half, when Lenn goal keeper Vedran Runje saved from Jires Kembo-Ekoko.

Second-bottom Lens product cneted the clearer chances thereafter, with Toiflou Maouilida and Razak Boukari both unable to convert presentable chances.—Internet

Lazio back on top as Eto’o silences racist chants

Rome, 18 Oct — Lazio downed Bari 2-0 in Sunday night’s late game to return to the top of the Serie A table as Samuel Eto’o silenced racist chants in Cagliari in Inter Milan’s 1-0 victory. Goals from Brazilian Hernanes and Sergio Floccari gave the Romans the three points and kept them on top of the pile following wins for Inter and AC Milan.

Eto’o had earlier scored the only goal of the game in Sardiniad to gain revenge on fans who started the game by taunting him.

Surprise package Lazio continued their positive start to the season and lead the table by two points from Milan, who top Inter on goals scored.

But despite their lofty position, Floccari said they’re not kidding themselves.—Internet

Rescued Chile miners invited to Man United match

LONDON, 18 Oct — English Premier League football giants Manchester United have invited the 33 Chilean miners who survived weeks trapped underground to attend one of their matches, one of the team’s sponsors said.

The invitation was conveyed to Chilean President Sebastian Pinera in a weekend meeting in London with the club’s manager, Sir Alex Ferguson, and Rafael Guilisasti, vice chairman of sponsor Vina Concha y Toro.

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Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas

WEATHER

Monday, 18th October, 2010
Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr.
M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State; lower Sagaing and Magway Regions, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Chin and Kayin States, upper Sagaing and Mandalay Regions, scattered in Kachin, Shan, Rakhine and Mon States, Bago Region and widespread in the remaining States and Regions with isolated heavy falls in Rakhine and Mon States. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Manaung (3.54) inches, Ye (3.15) inches, Yangon (Kaba-Aye) (2.60) inches, Yangon (Central) (2.21) inches, Pyay (1.89) inches and Cocoeyun (1.70) inches.

Nay Pyi Taw Weater
Maximum temperature on 17-10-2010 was 91°F. Minimum temperature on 18-10-2010 was 73°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 18-10-2010 was (84%). Rainfall on 18-10-2010 was (Nil).

Yangon (Kaba-Aye)
Maximum temperature on 17-10-2010 was 92°F. Minimum temperature on 18-10-2010 was 75°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 18-10-2010 was (84%). Total sunshine hours on 17-10-2010 was (5.6) hours. Rainfall on 18-10-2010 was (0.75) inch at Mingaladon, (2.60) inches at Kaba-Aye and (2.21) inches at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-10-2010 was (77.64) inches at Mingaladon, (90.79) inches at Kaba-Aye and (102.05) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (7) mph from Southeast at (13:30) hours MST on 17-10-2010.

Bay Inference: Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in the Andaman sea and East central Bay and partly cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until afternoon of the 19th October 2010: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Kayah State, lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Regions, scattered in Kachin, Shan, Chin and Kayin States, upper Sagaing Region, fairly widespread in Rakhine State and Bago, Region and widespread in the remaining States and Regions with Likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Tannihthayi Region. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times Deltaic, Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mons-Tannahyi Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuation of rain or thundershers in the Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 19-10-2010: Isolated rain or thundershers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 19-10-2010: One or two rain or thundershers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 19-10-2010: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Singapore firms head to Nantong, Jiangsu for business opportunities

SINGAPORE, 18 Oct—Thirty-eight Singapore companies will head to Nantong, Jiangsu province to explore business opportunities from Oct. 21 - 22.

The country’s pro-enterprise International Enterprise (IE) Singapore said on Monday the mission is in conjunction with the fourth Singapore-Jiangsu Cooperation Council meeting taking place on 22 Oct.

The visiting Singapore companies span industries such as environmental services, urban infrastructure, transport and logistics, education services and financial services.

From January to August 2010, bilateral trade between Singapore and Jiangsu amounted to 6.17 billion US dollars, a strong increase of 25.5 percent over the same period in 2009.—Xinhua

A black bird balances on a branch on Wendelstein mountain near Bayrischzell, southern Germany on 18 Oct, 2010. Low temperatures caused first snowfalls in some parts of southern Germany. Internet

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Weather Report
5:00 pm
1. The Mirror Images Of The Musical Oldies
2. 30 pm
4. Joint Performance by State Orchestra and State Traditional Orchestra
5. 45 pm
5. University Of Distance Education (TV Lectures) - Second Year (Zoology)
6. 00 pm
8. Songs For Upholding National Spirit
9. Musical Programme
10. 10 pm
11. Magical Song
12. Musical Programme
13. Documentary
14. 20 pm
15. The Conspicuous Dhammayangyi
16. 30 pm
17. Tapestry AGenuine Myanmar Handicraft
18. Food Offering Ceremony at the end of the Buddhist Lent (Thingyut Festival)
19. Opening
20. News
21. * News
22. Weather Report
23. Monsoon Song
24. * News
25. Musicalea
26. * News
27. Ancient Mural Paintings of Poe Win Hill
28. Hand-made Bags
29. * News
30. Today’s Efficient Youth (OBF)
31. Decorative Pottery
32. * News
33. Secret Places for Yummy Foods
34. * News
35. Myanmar Movie
36. “He sows when he reaps”
Only with stability and peace will the nation develop
Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

Anarchy begets anarchy, not democracy
Riots beget riots, not democracy
Democracy can be introduced only through constitution

People’s Desire
- We favour peace and stability
- We favour development
- We oppose unrest and violence
- Wipe out those inciting unrest and violence

VOA, BBC-sowing hatred among the people
RFA, DVB-generating public outrage
Do not allow ourselves to be swayed by killer broadcasts designed to cause troubles

Zoological Garden (Nay Pyi Taw) to be kept open on Fullmoon Day of Thadingyut (Abhidhamma Day)

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Oct.—Zoological Garden (Nay Pyi Taw) will be kept open on 23 October, Fullmoon Day of Thadingyut (Abhidhamma Day), and special programmes such as magic shows, Chinlon skills show of women and animal shows will be presented on that day. —MNA

Dean of Diplomatic Corps to Myanmar Singaporean Ambassador, diplomats of foreign missions, resident representatives of UN agencies, members of Myanmar Foreign Correspondents Club, editorial staff and reporters of local journals and magazines and guests observe demonstration of voting process. (News on page 1)

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